

WAS HIRED TO GET PROBST TO EUROPE

Detective Says Rolling Rock
Club Agreed to Pay
Butler's Expenses.

BROKE FROM HIS GUARD

Not Until Then Was Com-
plaint Made to Immigra-
tion Authorities.

The man to whom the Rolling Rock Club of Pittsburgh entrusted the task of getting August Probst, the unwell Swiss butler, out of the United States was Edmund Leigh, director of the National Intelligence Plant Protection Service, which has agencies here and in six other cities. Leigh, whose connection with the alleged "railroad" of the young butler has been kept secret, explained yesterday how the plans for getting Probst out of the country failed.

Probst is at Ellis Island, waiting the outcome of a board of inquiry to determine whether as a deserter from a ship he has a right to remain in the United States. The inquiry probably will get under way to-day. Probst, his friends and his attorney, Bernard H. Sandler, claim that the members of the Rolling Rock Club tried to railroad him because the daughter of a club member had fallen love with him. One of the friends who told yesterday of the alleged improper attempt to get the butler out of the country was Max Zimmerman, an architect, who lives at 519 West 122d street. His version of how Probst was kept in this city, while agreeing with that of Leigh as to dates, is at variance in other particulars.

The "Bonehead Play."

Leigh said he was notified on Thursday, February 23, that Probst, believed to be insane, was on his way to New York with Gail, manager of the club. Leigh, with one of his men, went to Philadelphia and joined Gail and Probst. On the way here, he said, Probst called him aside and said he was afraid of being taken to Ellis Island because he had deserted from a ship last June and would be deported.

The butler, according to Leigh, never was under restraint. They came to New York that night. The next day, Leigh said, Probst told him that he had \$30 and that he wanted to book passage on the Cedric, which was to sail Saturday. Leigh communicated with the Rolling Rock Club and it was agreed that Probst's expenses should be paid, not only to England, but to Bern, Switzerland.

"That later proved to be a bonehead play on my part," said Leigh, "but the handling of the case has been left up to my judgment and that seemed the best way to do it."

Leigh said that before Probst had agreed to leave he had asked Gail what witnesses could be produced to prove that Probst was insane. Gail said that he, as manager of the club, would testify that three chambermaids at the

club who had been annoyed by the butler also would tell their stories.

On Friday night, the evening before Probst was to sail, Leigh took him to his own home in West Thirty-fifth street. There, he said, Probst had the run of the house and amused himself by playing the phonograph, the piano and by telling of the wonderful attractiveness of the "mountain men" of Switzerland. Leigh said he gave Probst an overcoat and several other articles of clothing, knowing he would need them on the voyage.

Swiss Consul Interferes.

At the White Star pier the next day Probst broke away from Leigh and two detectives. A few minutes later Charles Fehman, the Swiss Consul came up with Zimmerman and said that the butler was entitled to the protection of the Swiss Government. That night Probst stayed at the Zimmerman home, and the next day he went to Trenton to the home of a Swiss jeweler. "We were keeping him under surveillance all the time," said Mr. Leigh, "and it looked like he was heading back for Pittsburgh."

It then became apparent, according to Mr. Leigh, that the immigration authorities would have to be notified. This was done, a warrant obtained, and an immigration inspector accompanied Leigh and detectives to the house in Trenton. They brought Probst back to Ellis Island, and he was held there until habeas corpus proceedings were brought last week.

While being brought here from Pittsburgh, sent a telegram to Zimmerman asking him to meet him at the station. Zimmerman was at the station, and saw Probst come off the train with Leigh and the detectives, but he did not interfere because the butler nodded for him not to.

ARTISTS' LEAGUE CALLS CIVIC VIRTUE MEETING

'Deep Significance' Seen in
Hylan's Art Inquiry.

Members of the League of New York Artists, Inc., will discuss the case of Frederick MacMonnies' statue of Civic Virtue to-night after their annual meeting in the Art Center at 61 East Fifty-sixth street. All artists, irrespective of membership in the league, will be admitted, and a general discussion will take place.

The hearings held by Mayor Hylan have a deeper significance than mere politics and byplay for feminine vote getting," said a statement issued yesterday by Julian Bowes, managing secretary of the league. "The league stands wholeheartedly behind Mr. MacMonnies, and will make an issue of the entire affair, as it involves the rights of artists."

Robert Altken, chairman of the league's art committee, will be one of the speakers.

DENY SWANN APPOINTMENT.

Denial that former District Attorney Swann has been appointed counsel for the Bar Association in the case involving charges of professional misconduct against Thomas L. Chadbourne was made yesterday by Howard Townsend, chairman of the grievance committee. While it was not denied a counsel had been selected members of the association would not disclose his name. After counsel has had opportunity to study the papers it is expected an application will be made to the Appellate division to review the case.

POLICEMEN HAZY ABOUT HOTEL PARTY

Agreed, However, They Went
to Visit an Actor and He
Had Liquor.

There was a party on the morning of March 3 in a room in Hotel Arthur 252 West Thirty-eighth street. Concerning that much Patrolmen Percival Cassidy, Daniel J. Collins and Hugh M. Conlin are agreed, but beyond that there appeared yesterday to Commissioner Leach in the trial room of Police Headquarters to be a haze.

According to Capt. Joseph A. Howard, in charge of the West Thirtieth street police station, who dissolved the party, the haze is due to the fact all three were in no condition for keen observation. He went so far as to charge the three were intoxicated.

Cassidy explained he met the other policemen near the station house and a friend named Tom took them to an actor named Howley, who had a room in the Arthur. Each had one drink and then in came Capt. Howard. Cassidy explained he arrested no one because he saw no liquor sold or transported. Collins said they met Tom in Sixth avenue and went to dinner with him and then up to Howley's room. Conlin there tripped and hurt his nose. He and Cassidy put him in bed and it was then that Capt. Howard came in.

The captain started to telephone on entering the room. He kept shouting for central until Howley explained it was a trick telephone he used in a vaudeville act.

"He then was so abnormal," Collins testified, "that I started down to get an ambulance. But he called me back."

"I think you're abnormal," interrupted Commissioner Leach. "I don't want any more of these lies."

Collins closed his testimony as follows: "And I was placed in a cell, but I didn't have a drink."

Conlin, a new man on the force, said: "I had a drink. I had two drinks. I felt hazy. That's all I remember."

Commissioner Leach reserved decision.

KILLS HIMSELF AS SUIT FOR ALIMONY IS CALLED

Former Elizabeth Man First
Sends Goodby to Family.

Albert Ernest Kinch of Berwick, Pa., who formerly lived at 411 Maple avenue, Elizabeth, N. J., is believed to have flung himself in front of a train in Pacific avenue, Jersey City, Sunday morning after having telephoned to his wife's sister late Saturday night "to tell Marion and the children and say to them they will never see me again."

A body believed to be that of Kinch is in the Jersey City morgue. Mrs. Marion Kinch of 2122 South Seventeenth street, Philadelphia, had Kinch cited into Chancery Court, Newark, on Tuesday in contempt proceedings for failure to pay her alimony and \$20 counsel fee. The wife did not know at the time that her husband's body was in the Jersey City morgue.

CROWD AT STATION WITNESS A MURDER

Slayer Not Halted in Escape;
Victim Was Tried for a Mur-
der Last Year.

A swarthy man in a dark suit, light brown overcoat and gray felt hat walked up to Vincent de Falco yesterday in the East New York station of the Long Island Railroad in Brooklyn, drew a revolver and fired two shots through De Falco's heart.

There was a crowd on the platform but nobody halted the slayer as he ran to East New York avenue and escaped in the direction of the Queens county line. De Falco was identified by detectives as a resident of 2150 Bergen street, who was acquitted of a murder charge a year ago.

Both De Falco and his unknown murderer are believed by the police to have been Italian duelists who have caused several murders here. De Falco leaves a wife and a daughter, who, when told of the murder, said dramatically: "The police had better get this man."

Bandits stepped into a retail fur store

a block away from Broad and Market streets in Newark at 6:30 o'clock last night, blackjacked Charles Rich, a partner in the firm, and cleared out with \$10,000 worth of assorted fur pieces.

The store was that of Joseph M. Richer & Co., at 215 Halsey street. Rich was alone in the store last evening when a young man entered and asked to see some fur coats. Rich turned around to take a coat down from the rack and was hit twice on the head. He heard the young man call out to some one in the street, then he became unconscious. When he came to he found himself gagged and bound hand and foot.

All the made up fur pieces in the store were taken. The police believe they were loaded on a truck outside the door. No arrests have been made.

Police Commissioner Enright appeared before the Grand Jury in Brooklyn yesterday and was closeted in the jury room for more than an hour. When he came out he refused to discuss what had taken place. Innumerable rumors were started as to what matters relating to the Police Department had been under discussion.

The contrast between the large number of unsolved murders in Brooklyn recently and the energy displayed by the police in enforcing the State prohibition law gave rise to the report that the Grand Jurors believed the situation indicated a misplacement of police energy.

FORD PLANT IN SOUTHAMPTON.

SOUTHAMPTON, England, March 29.—Representatives here of Henry Ford have agreed to the purchase from the corporation of a site for a motor factory to cost \$2,500,000.

STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Pilgrims' Crutches Cause
Blaze—Sacred Relic Saved.

QUEBEC, March 29.—The famous North American shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre to-day was destroyed by flames, with a property loss of \$1,200,000.

The statue of St. Anne and the historic relics, to which miraculous cures have been ascribed, were saved.

Defective wiring ignited a pile of crutches cast down by pilgrims, who, after kneeling in the basilica had arisen, announcing themselves miraculously cured.

The priests turned to fire fighters. While some combated the flames, others entered the blazing church to save priceless relics. The Rev. Father Bruneau, at the risk of his life, succeeded in carrying out the statue of St. Anne.

In addition to the Cathedral and its priceless relics, the sacristy, monastery and college also are a mass of ruins. The statue of St. Anne, which, with the facade it surmounts and the walls on the south side of the church, are among the few things saved, has been for three centuries the shrine of afflicted pilgrims, many of whom left their crutches when cured, a symbol of the reward for faith and prayer. The pedestal of the statue, wrought of seven different kinds of marble, was the gift of a New York woman.

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